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THE HEAVENPIERCER.
CAIRN OF PANTHEONS
MOUNTAINS.

ETERNIA.

SKELETOR?

THE VIOLET
BLADE...

IS MINE,
EVIL-LYN. AND
SO IS ALL THE
POWER...



... THAT ONCE
FLOWED THROUGH
HE-MAN'S SAVAGE
KITTY.

WE JOURNEYED
SO FAR...AND
SKELETOR GOT
TO THE SWORD
FIRST.

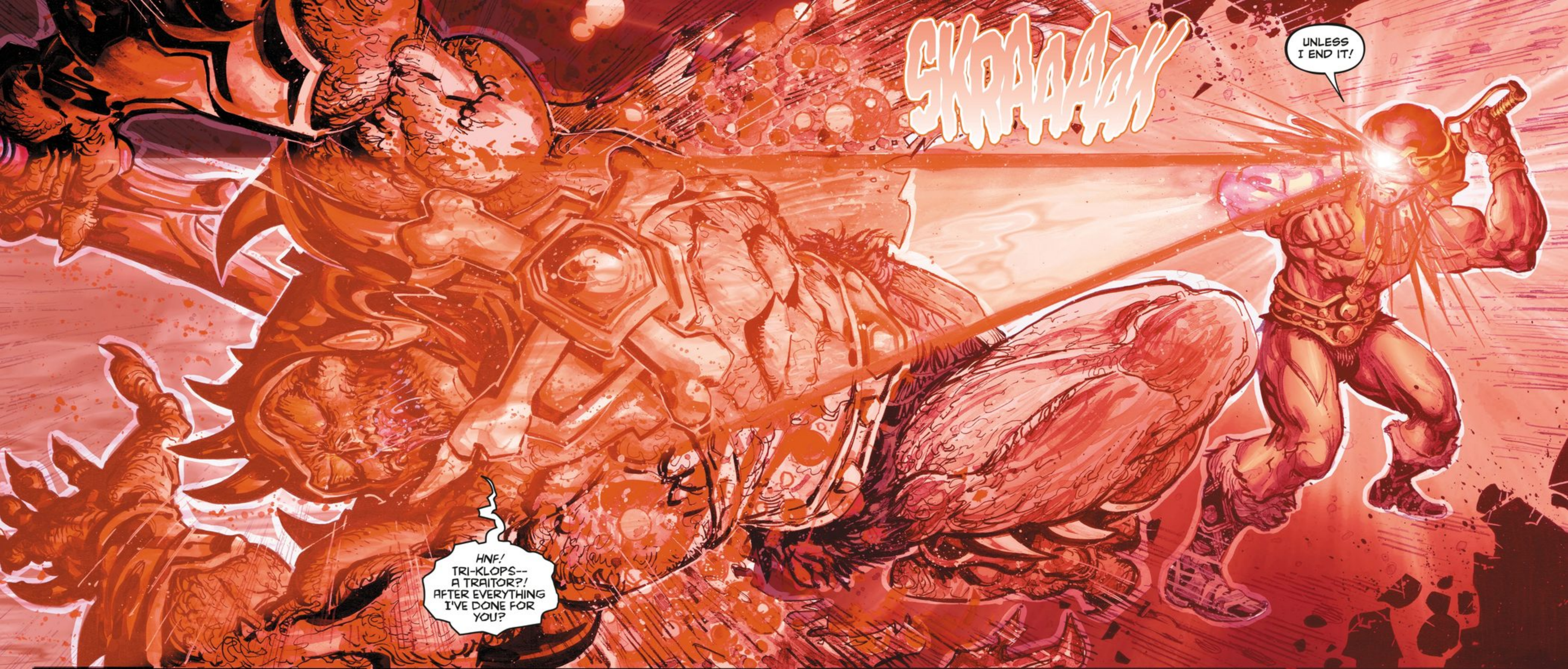
ALL IS NOT
LOST YET,
TEELA.

MAN-AT-ARMS...
THIS IS THE
FUTURE MY
EYE SAW...

THIS
IS OUR
DOOM.

BATTLE
CAT?

KLK KLK



SKRAAAAK

UNLESS
I END IT!

HNF!
TRI-KLOPS--
A TRAITOR?!
AFTER EVERYTHING
I'VE DONE FOR
YOU?



I'M A
SWORDSMAN FOR
HIRE, SKELETOR. I'VE
ONLY EVER SOUGHT
EMPLOYMENT AND A
CHALLENGE WORTHY
OF MY BLADE.

THAT YOU'VE
PROVIDED.



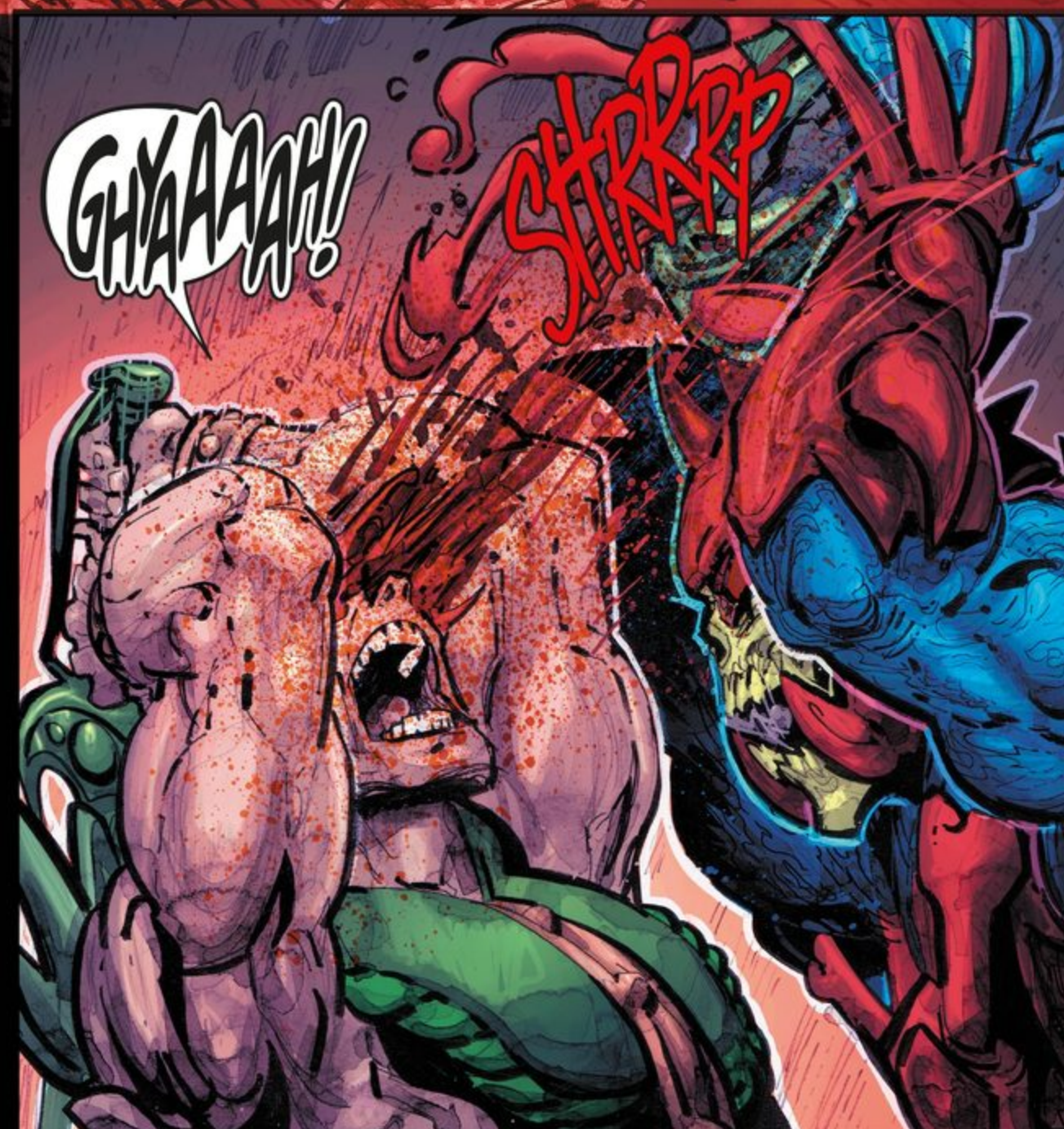
BUT FOR
THERE TO BE
HONOR, THERE
MUST BE STRONG
WARRIORS TO
CONQUER.

DAMN YOU,
MERCENARY--
HNF!

KRK

THAT
BLADE SEEKS
TO DRAIN ALL
STRENGTH AND
LEAVE ETERNIA
A SHRIVELED
HUSK.

A SHAME.
BUT I HAD
NO ROOM FOR
DISLOYALTY
BEFORE, AND
NOW?



GHYAAAAH!

SHRRRP



YOU'RE
FIRED.

THE THREE
TOWERS.

PRETERNIA.
MANY YEARS
PREVIOUS.

WAIT--DID
HE SAY PROTECTION
AGAINST THE POWER
OF GRAYSKULL?

RECORD LOG:
I'M NO WIZARD,
ADMITTEDLY...

THAT DEFINITELY
ISN'T HOW HE-MAN
USES HIS SWORD.

THE SCIENTIST
GRAY SEEKS TO CREATE
BALANCE BETWEEN THE
FORCES OF MAGIC AND
TECHNOLOGY.

BUT THE **BOOK
OF LIVING SPELLS**
INDICATES CERTAIN ALLOYS
CAN DIVERT AND CONTAIN
SOME FORMS OF MAGIC, AS
LONG AS THE METALS ARE
KEPT PURE AND UNTAINTED
OF AETHERIC INFLUENCE...

HE HAS NO IDEA
THE **SNAKE MEN**
ARE GUNNING FOR
HIM. WE GOTTA DO
SOMETHING.

WE ARE
PHANTOMS
IN THIS ERA,
ORKO.

SORCERESS. CASTLE
GRAYSKULL, HE-MAN...
PRINCE ADAM! DON'T
THEY ALL COME FROM
THIS GUY?

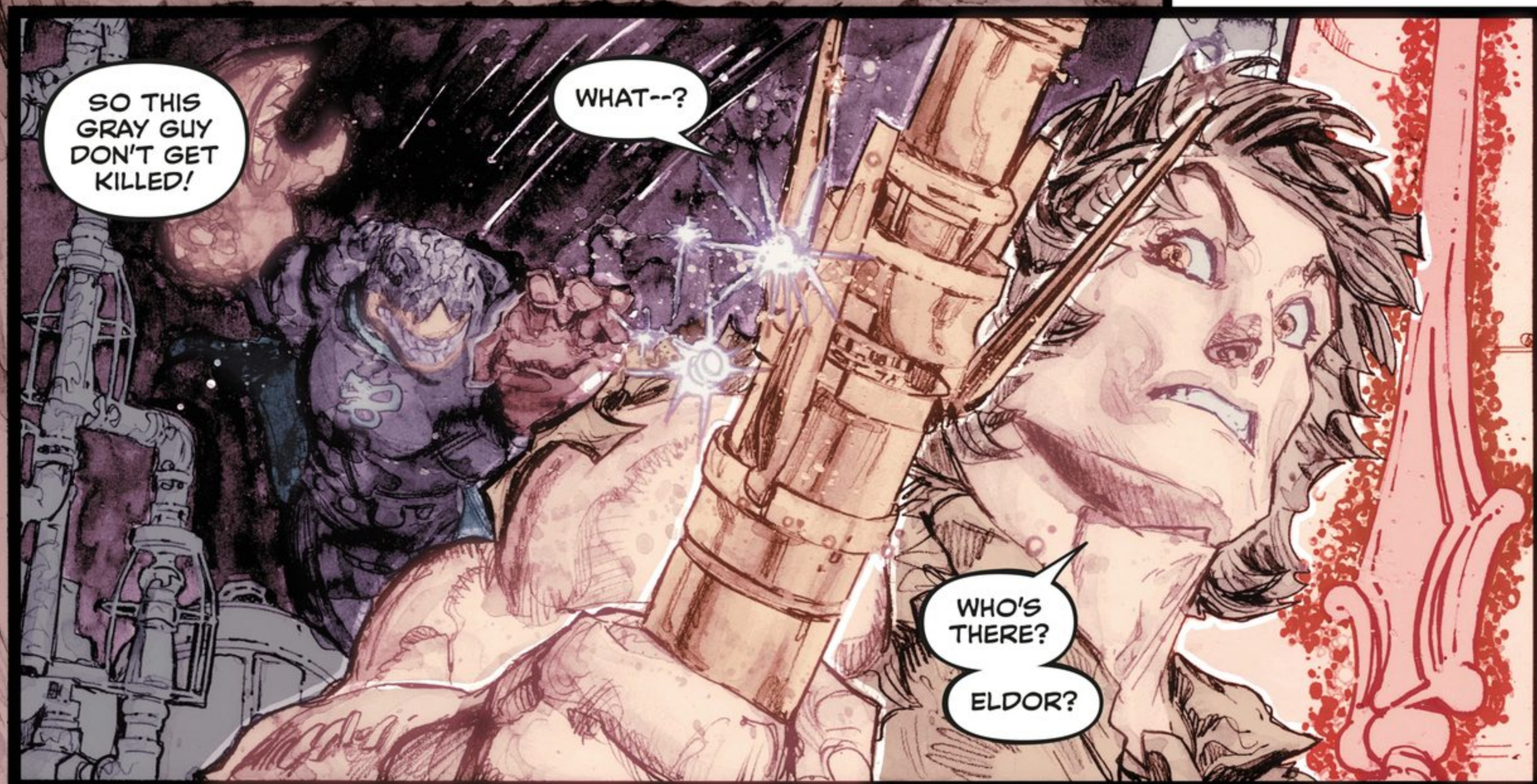
YES, BUT
TO CREATE
A PARADOX
SHOULD BE
IMPOSSIBLE...

**PFT. I'M
TROLLAN.**

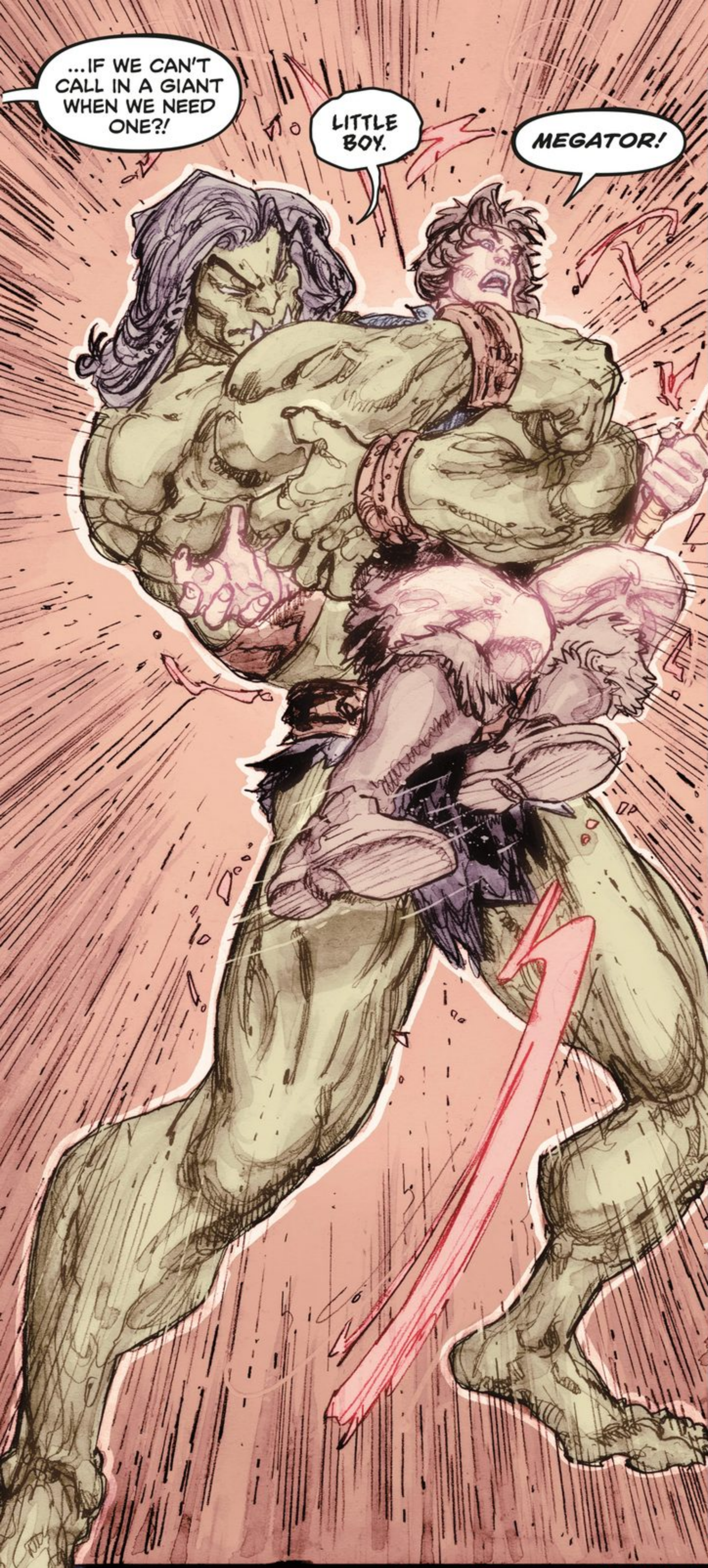
BEING
IMPOSSIBLE IS
WHAT I DO.

ORKO,
PLEASE--!

SPIRITS OF
TIME, I KNOW
YOU'RE STRONG
WILLED, BUT CAN
YA DO ME A
SOLID--







...IF WE CAN'T
CALL IN A GIANT
WHEN WE NEED
ONE?!

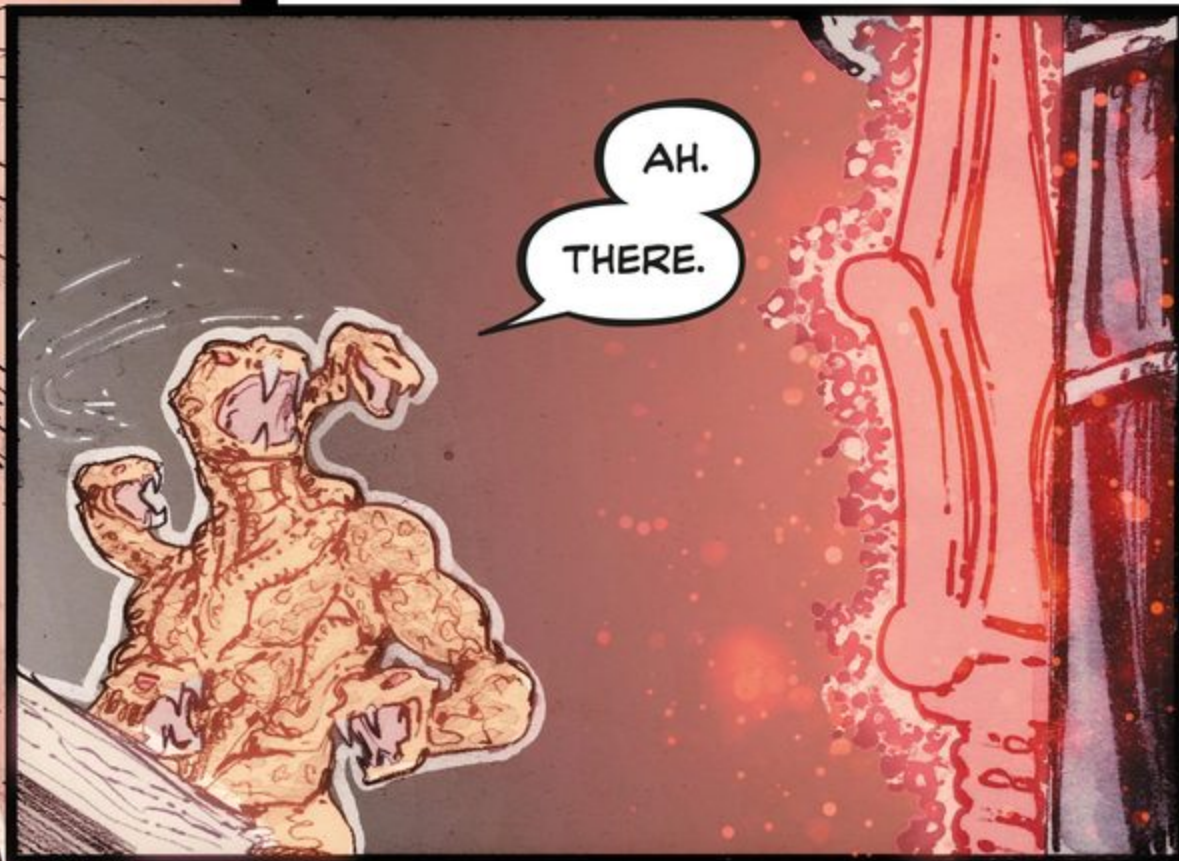
LITTLE
BOY.

MEGATOR!



INSTRUCTIONS.
RECIPES. THE DIARY
OF AN ADDLED OLD MAN.
WHERE IN SERPOS'S NAME IS
THIS UNLIMITED WISDOM
AND POWER?!

WHERE--?!



AH.

THERE.



NO LITTLE BOY
BE STRONGER THAN
MAN OF FIRST
AGE!

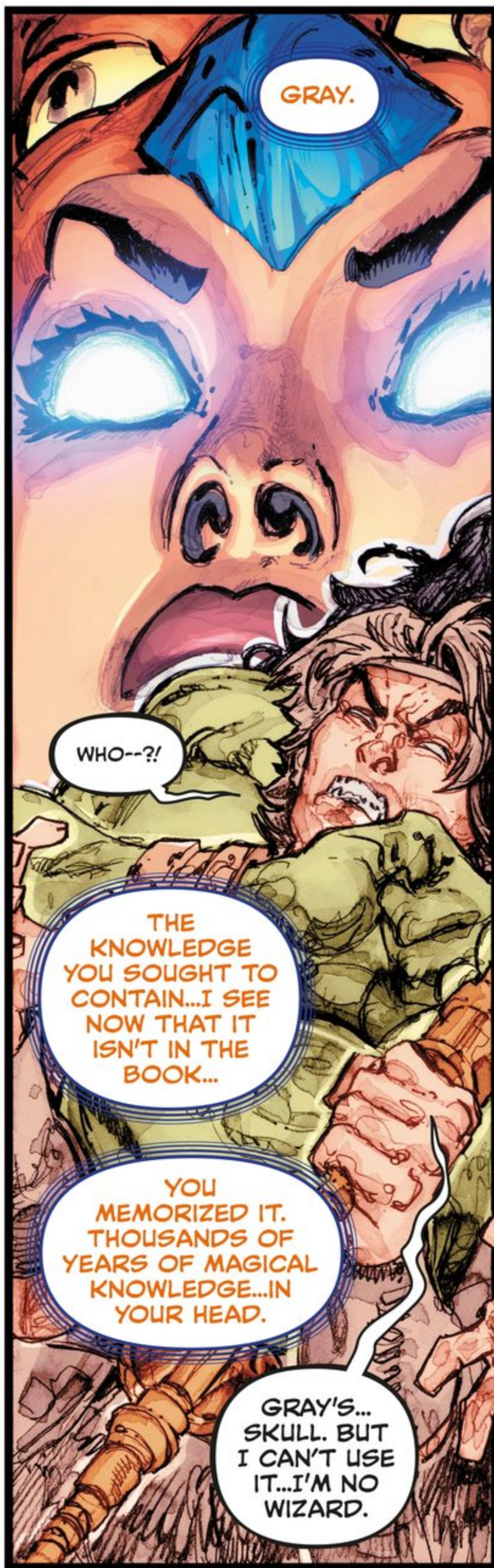
KRAK
KRIK

THE
WARNING
WASN'T
ENOUGH!

THE PATHWAY
TO THE PAST HAS
BEEN OPENED BY YOUR
MAGIC, ORKO. EVEN FOR
FOREIGNERS SUCH AS US.



SO I
TOO MUST
WALK IT.



GRAY.

WHO--?!

THE
KNOWLEDGE
YOU SOUGHT TO
CONTAIN...I SEE
NOW THAT IT
ISN'T IN THE
BOOK...

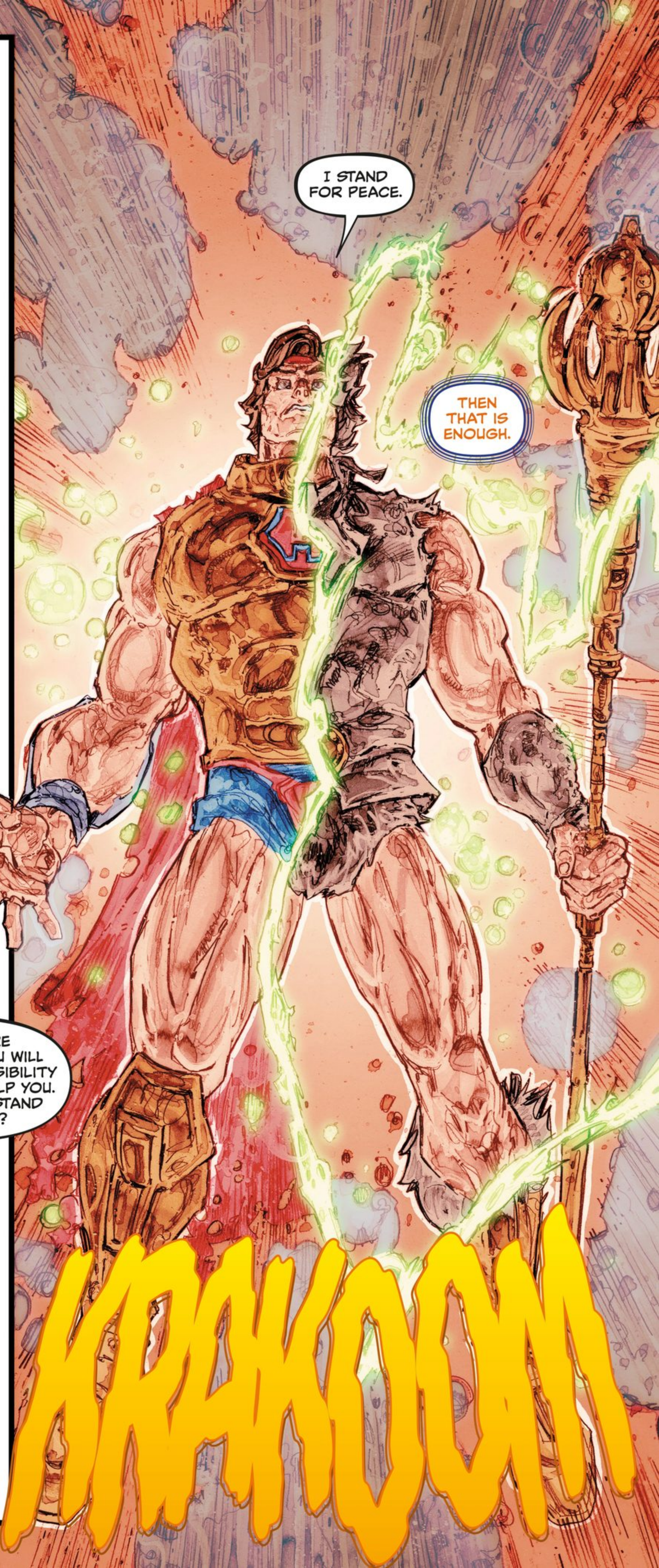
YOU
MEMORIZED IT.
THOUSANDS OF
YEARS OF MAGICAL
KNOWLEDGE...IN
YOUR HEAD.

GRAY'S...
SKULL. BUT
I CAN'T USE
IT...I'M NO
WIZARD.



NO, YOU ARE
NOT. BUT IF YOU WILL
ACCEPT RESPONSIBILITY
FOR IT, I CAN HELP YOU.
WHAT DO YOU STAND
FOR, GRAY?

I--I STAND FOR
KNOWLEDGE.



I STAND
FOR PEACE.

THEN
THAT IS
ENOUGH.

KRAKOW







AND ALL I CAN DO.

RAAAAGH!

KRACK

IS FIGHT!

WHF!

OKAY. DON'T RUN, STINKOR. YOU CAN DO THIS. YOU GOT IT. YOU'RE THE MASTER OF ODOR, DAMN IT!

UM...

FEAR THE STENCH OF EVIL?

KRACKOW

SKELETOR! THIS IS BETWEEN YOU AND ME!

FACE ME!!



NO,
HE-MAN.

MAN-AT-ARMS,
I HAVE TO STOP
HIM. IT *HAS* TO
BE ME.

HE HAS TO
BE STOPPED, I
AGREE. BUT YOU
SAW WHAT THAT
SWORD CAN DO. IT
STEALS POWER,
HE-MAN.

HE'S ALREADY
MORE UNHINGED AND
RUTHLESS. IF YOU FACE
HIM, YOU'LL GIVE HIM
EXACTLY WHAT
HE WANTS.



BUT
HE HURT
BATTLE
CAT BAD,
DUNCAN...

ALL THE
POWER OF ETERNIA.
ALL ITS WISDOM AND
KNOWLEDGE. IT'S
IN YOU.

MAN-AT-ARMS...
IS RIGHT, HE-MAN.
I SAW THE VIOLET
HORIZON...

I FEAR IF
SKELETOR GAINS
MORE POWER, THERE'S
ABSOLUTELY NOTHING
BEYOND IT...



IT HAS TO BE
FOR ALL THE *PEOPLE*
OF ETERNIA. SOMEDAY
IT'LL NEED A RULER WHO
UNDERSTANDS THAT. DO
YOU HEAR WHAT I'M
TELLING YOU--

PRINCE
ADAMP





FACHOON

SERPOS'S
TONGUE--!

GAH!

OH WOW.
DID I JUST
WITNESS A
SECRET
ORIGIN?

WHAT...
WHAT IS
THIS?!

GRAY, THE
ENGINEER.

YOU NOW CHANNEL
THE COLLECTIVE POWER
OF THE KEEP. YOU WILL
BUILD TO STORE IT BY
WAY OF THE **STAFF OF
TRANSFORMATION.**

YOU ARE
HE-RO, A SCIENTIST
WHO BECOMES THE
**MOST POWERFUL
WIZARD IN THE
UNIVERSE.**

YOU **ARE**
THE BALANCE YOU
SOUGHT. AND NOW,
PLEASE, YOU MUST
DESTROY THE--

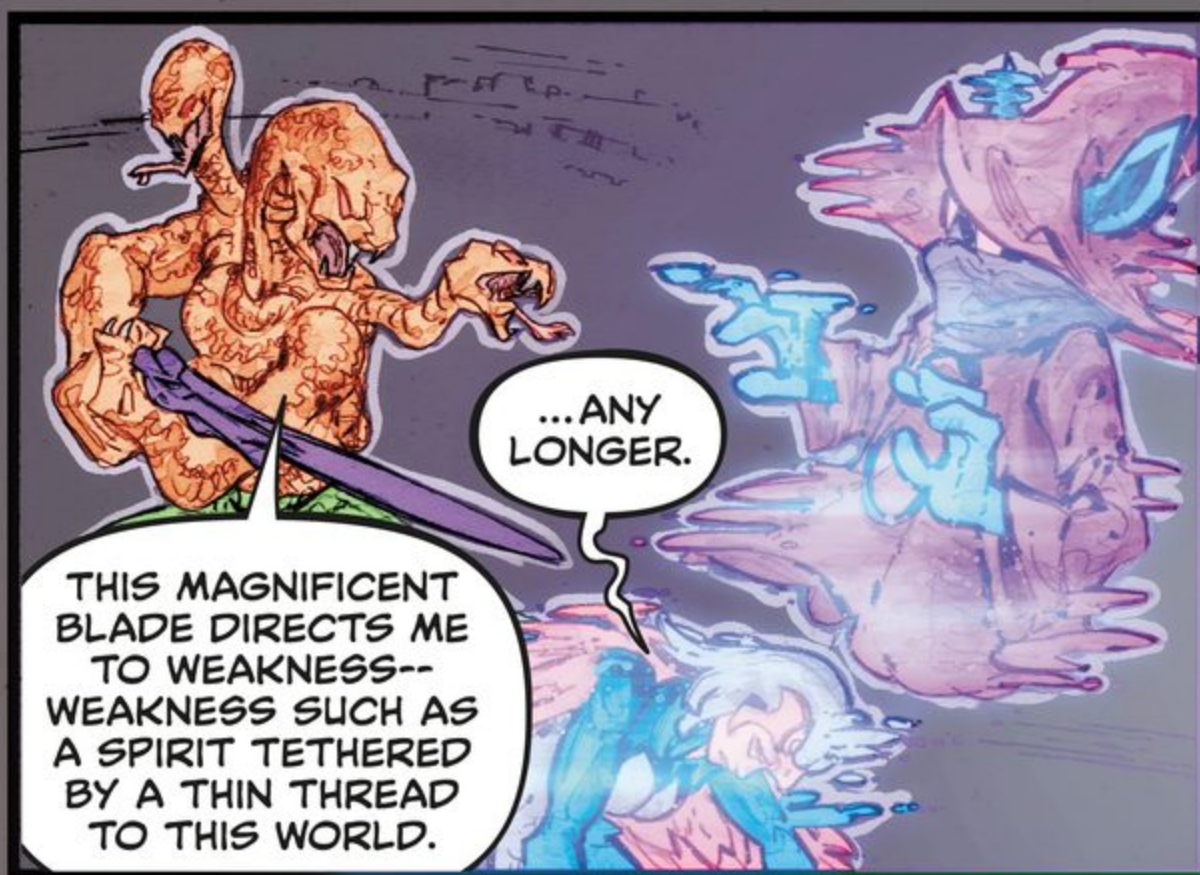
SHINK

GHK!

SORCERESS!

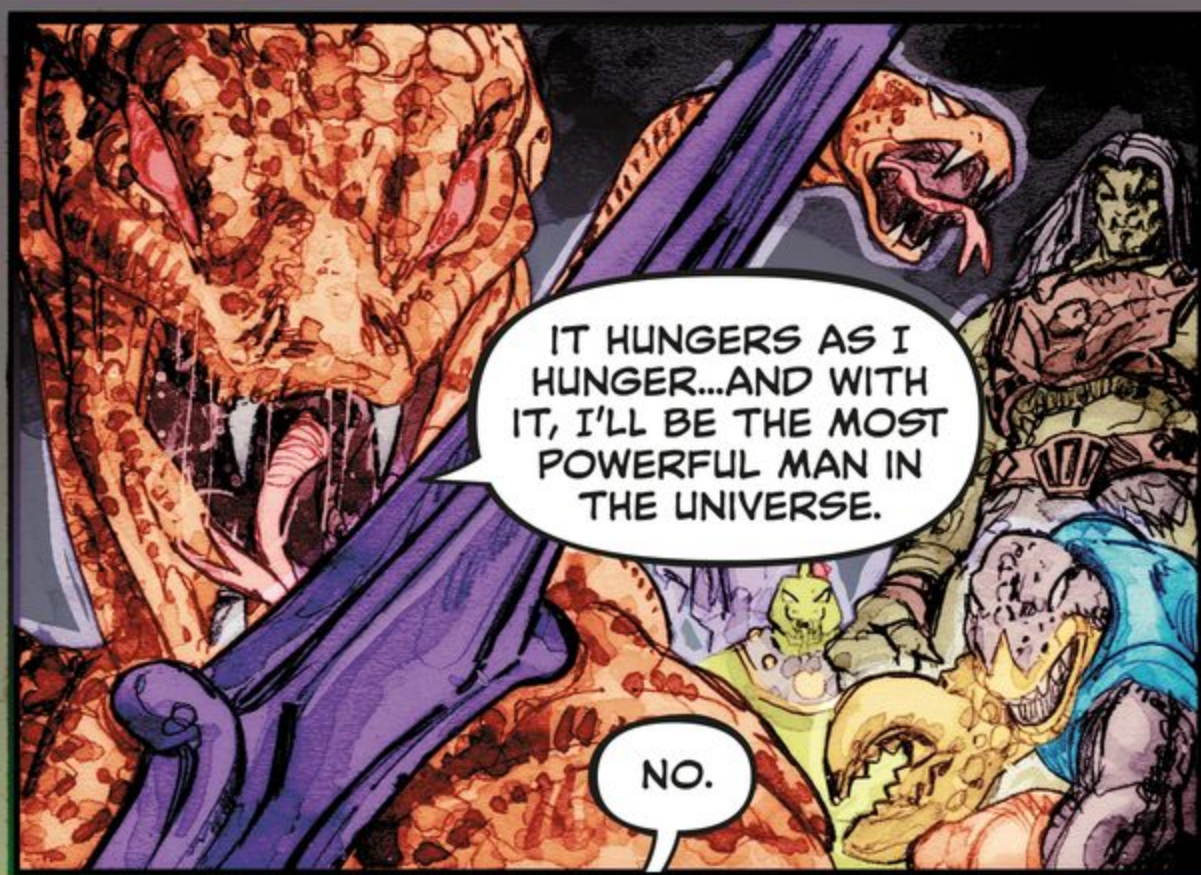
MY POWER--
IT--FADES...I CAN'T
KEEP US HERE--

A SWORD
OF FLAWS.



...ANY LONGER.

THIS MAGNIFICENT BLADE DIRECTS ME TO WEAKNESS--WEAKNESS SUCH AS A SPIRIT TETHERED BY A THIN THREAD TO THIS WORLD.

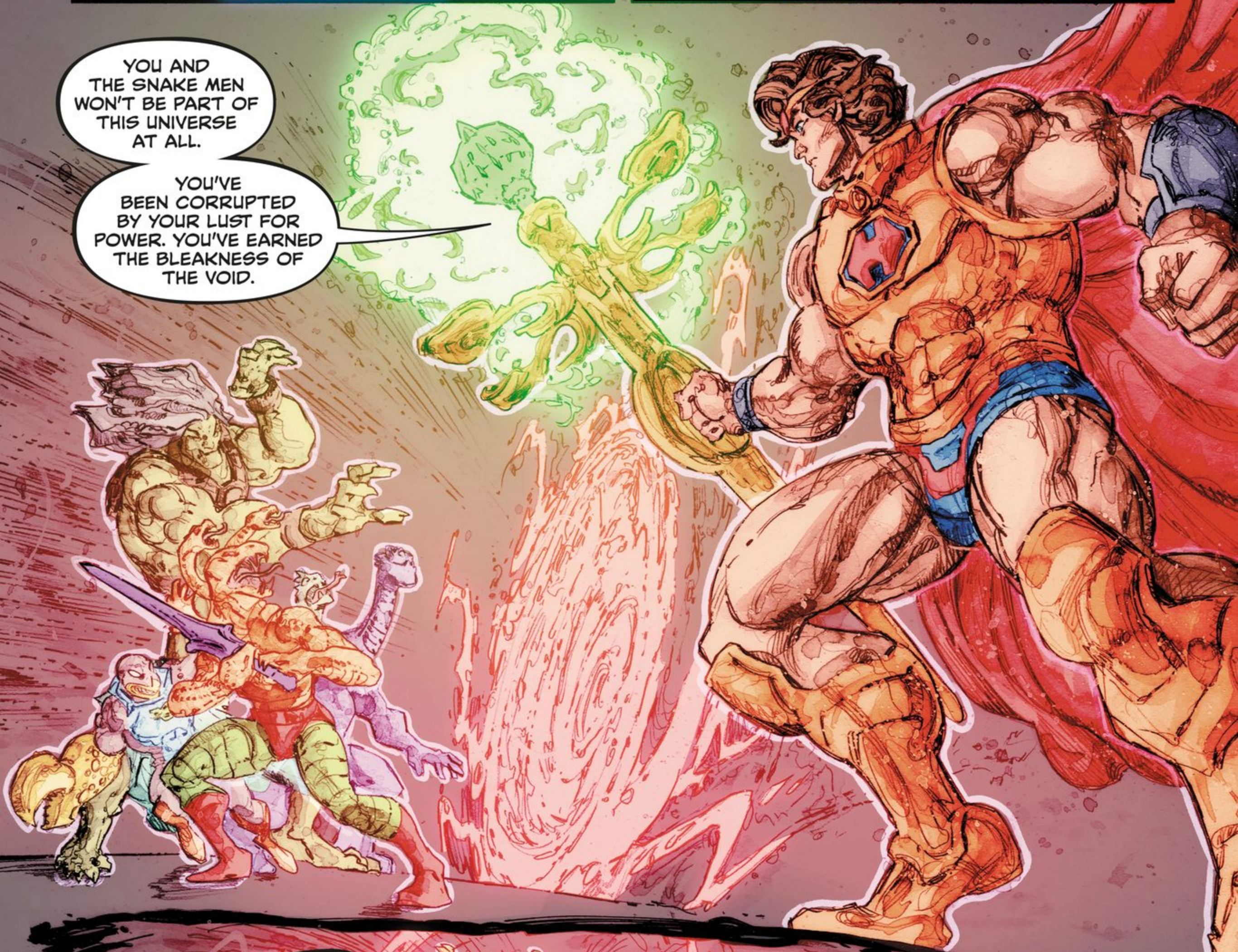


IT HUNGERS AS I HUNGER...AND WITH IT, I'LL BE THE MOST POWERFUL MAN IN THE UNIVERSE.

NO.

YOU AND THE SNAKE MEN WON'T BE PART OF THIS UNIVERSE AT ALL.

YOU'VE BEEN CORRUPTED BY YOUR LUST FOR POWER. YOU'VE EARNED THE BLEAKNESS OF THE VOID.



NO! NO, DAMN IT!

HRSSSSS!

AND YOU, GRAY, ONCE A POWERLESS APPRENTICE, NOW A POWERFUL MASTER...

KLANG

YOU WILL BE CORRUPTED TOO! HAHAAHAH!



SO
THIS...
IS WHAT
IT'S LIKE
TO WIN.



PTOO.

YEAH,
I THINK I CAN
GO ANOTHER
ROUND.

HHH. DYING IS A
BAD STRATEGY.

TRI-KLOPS.
THE CLIFF BEHIND
SKELETOR. FIND ME
A WEAKNESS.



MAN-AT-ARMS...
I'M BLIND...

AND YOU WERE
LONG BEFORE
YOUR NEW EYES,
YET STILL, YOU
HUNTED.



I...YES...
THERE.



SKRAK

THWING

HA! YOU
MISSED, OLD
MAN!

NOW,
I'LL BAT YOU
AROUND LIKE
A MOUSE--

OH.



GOOD
HUNTING WITH YOU,
MERCENARY.

LYN! GET
US THE HELL
OUT--

HHH. WE GOT A
MOUNTAIN COMING
AFTER US...

THRRROOM



ROKKON.
WHERE'S ROKKON?!
WE NEVER LEAVE A
MAN BEHIND--

I'M HERE,
CAPTAIN
TEELA.



AND I BROUGHT
METEORBS.

WHEN
THE **STONE**
PEOPLE CALL,
WE FLY.

THANK
THE GODS.

WHAT
SAY YOU,
HUMAN?

"WHEN
THE PRAYERS
BE SILENCED, THE
OLDE GODS SHALL
WALK OUT INTO
THE CAIRN..."

"AND
THE 'SONG
OF RESTLESS
DAYS' BEGINS
AGAIN."

CASTLE
GRAYSKULL.

SORCERESS!
ARE YOU OKAY?

OUR JOURNEY
SHOWED US THE
BIRTH OF THE
SWORD OF FLAWS.
DID WE UNDO ITS
EXISTENCE--?

SORCERESS!!

IT'S BATTLE
CAT! HE'S
HURT BAD!

PLACE
HIM ON THE
ALTAR! WHAT
HAPPENED?

SKELETOR
STABBED HIM WITH
THE VIOLET POWER
SWORD. IT TOOK
EVERYTHING HE
HAD.

AW NO,
NO, NO,
NO.

HE IS DRAINED OF
THE ENERGY WHICH
TRANSFORMS
HIM...



BUT IF YOU CHANGE HIM BACK TO CRINGER, THE WOUND WILL KILL HIM. HE IS TRAPPED IN THIS STATE, ADAM. FOR NOW.



OH GODS.

IT IS BEST TO LEAVE HIM HERE NOW, SO I MAY ATTEND TO HIM, AND YOU CAN MAINTAIN YOUR IDENTITY AS PRINCE ADAM...

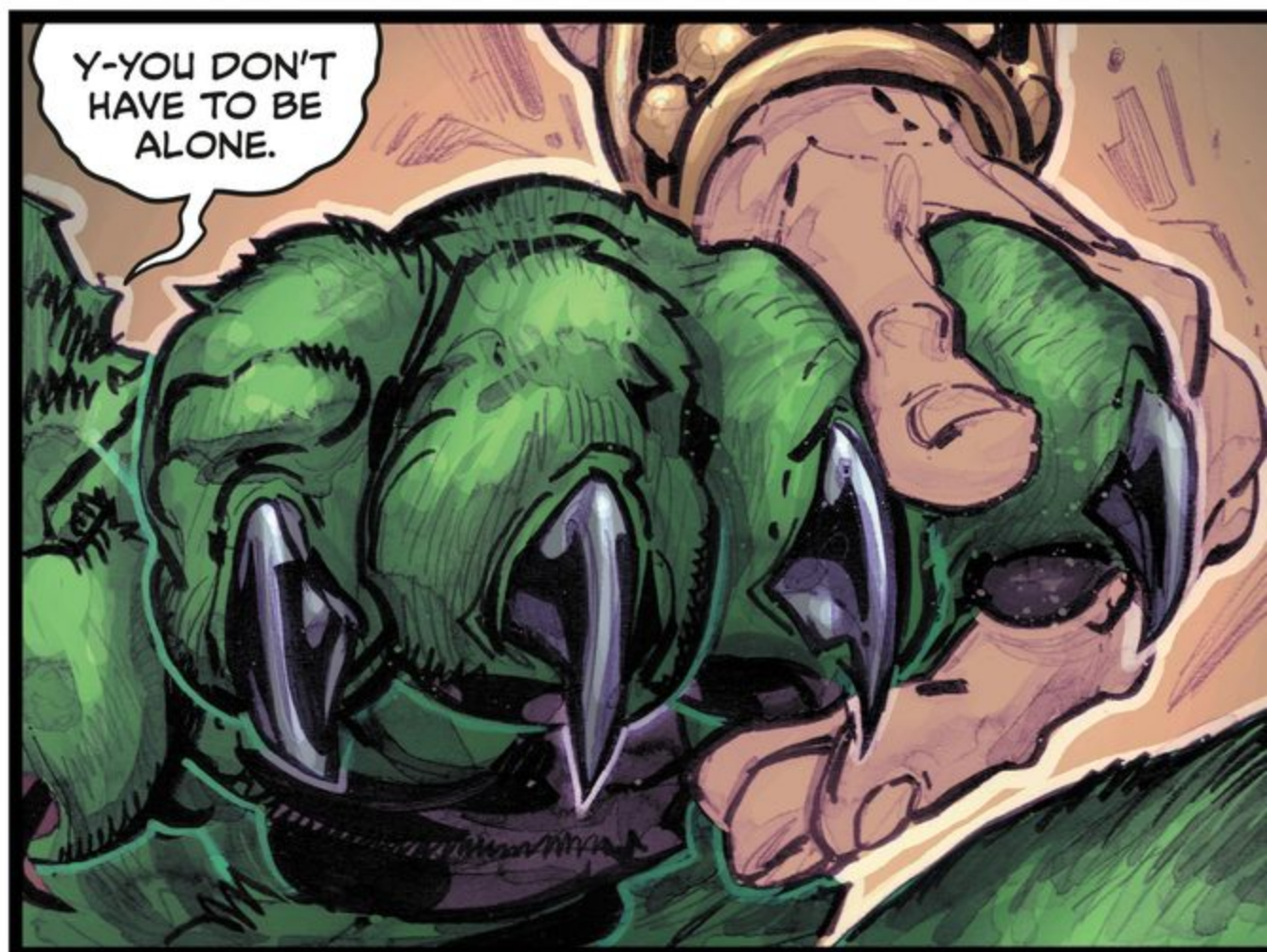
MRRRN...

CRINGE?

OH NO. I'M SO SORRY. I DON'T WANT TO LEAVE YOU. I CAN'T--



ADAM. N...NO MATTER HOW SCARED YOU GET...



Y-YOU DON'T HAVE TO BE ALONE.

SNAKE
MOUNTAIN.

IT SEEMS
I WAS RIGHT
ABOUT THAT
"PURPLE
STICK."

PERHAPS YOU
CAN SHOW ME SOME
OF THAT NEWFOUND
POTENTIAL YOU'VE
UNLEASHED.

WE
ESCAPED THE
AVALANCHE,
LYN...

BUT
OUR FORCES
SHOWED THEIR
WEAKNESS...

YOU MOVE
AGAIN, BUG,
AND I'LL USE
MY GUN ARM
INSTEAD.

RRRR.

AND
TRI-KLOPS
BETRAYED
ME.

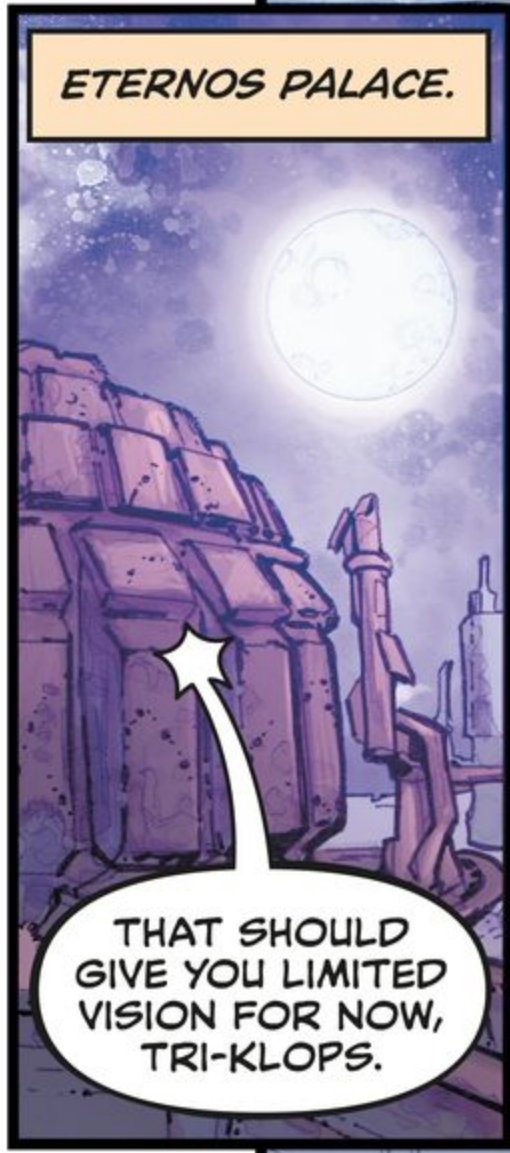
YOU HAVE
THE SWORD,
AND AN ARMY
OF WARRIORS!
YOU DON'T
NEED HIM!

GATHER
MY HENCHMEN.
NONE OF THESE
BLEEDING
SODS.

I DON'T
NEED TRI-KLOPS,
BECAUSE I'LL REGAIN
BEAST MAN AND
MER-MAN.

BY FORCE.

SIGH.



ETERNOS PALACE.

THAT SHOULD
GIVE YOU LIMITED
VISION FOR NOW,
TRI-KLOPS.

THANK YOU.
AND NOW I JUST
NEED TO HEAL THE
WOUNDS OF
MY MIND.



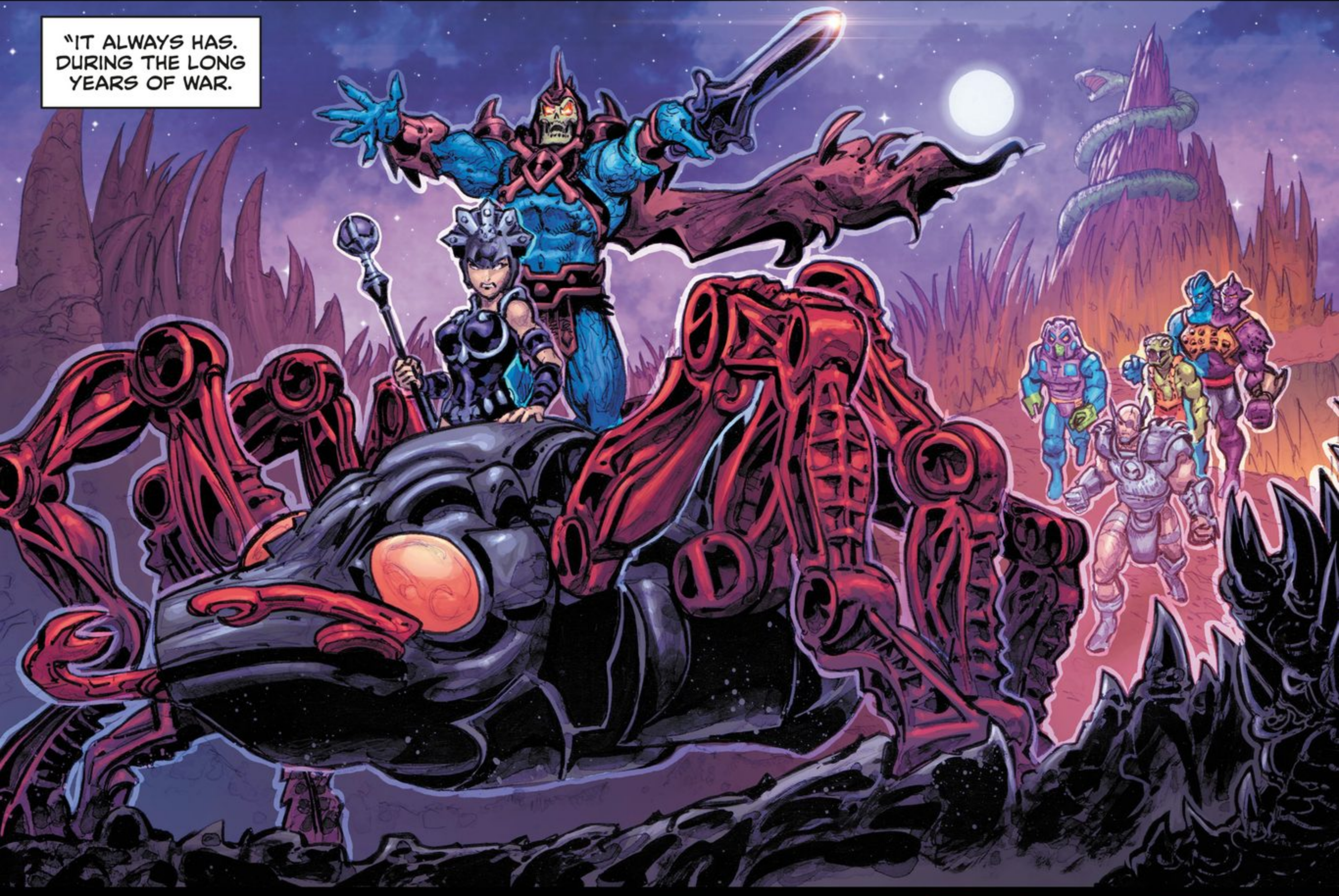
IF THAT'S ALL, I HAVE
OTHERS TO ATTEND TO.
**PHOTOG, STROBO,
MEKANECK...**



YES.
**GOOD MEN, NOT
MERCENARIES.**

MAN-AT-ARMS...
POWER AFFECTS
PEOPLE.

"IT ALWAYS HAS.
DURING THE LONG
YEARS OF WAR.



"IN THE DAYS OF
OLD PRETERNIA."



THIS BLADE
MUST EXIST.
BUT IT MUST
BE HIDDEN.



"BUT POWER DOESN'T CHANGE PEOPLE. IT ENHANCES WHAT WAS ALWAYS THERE. ANGER, RESENTMENT, FEAR, EGO... ALL BECOME WEAPONS."



"AND, WITH POWER, THE WEIGHT OF THE WEAPON CHANGES."

AAAAHHHHH!



The SWORD of FLAWS

Part 4

YOU SEE THAT EVERYTHING IS DIFFERENT NOW, DON'T YOU, MAN-AT-ARMS?



...
I DO.





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SON OF ULTRON

"THIS FAN...
THIS MONSTER!"

